

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph no. [0014] with the following paragraph. The amendments to paragraph no. [0014] are indicated by strikethrough and underlining.

The term "thiol compound" is a compound comprising a thiol moiety attached to a aliphatic, aryl, heteroaryl or a heterocycloalkyl moiety. The thiol compound can also be written as R³-SH, wherein R³ is selected from the group consisting of aliphatic, aryl, heteroaryl and heterocycloalkyl moieties. Exemplary thiol compounds include by way of illustration, octane thiol, benzyl mercaptan, hexane thiol, cyclohexylmethane thiol, cyclohexane thiol, thiophenol, and thiol resins such as N-(2-mercapto ethyl)aminomethyl~~N-(2-mercapto ethyl)aminomethyl~~ polystyrene resin.

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As noted above, examples of suitable media that can be used in the method of the invention include, by way of example and not limitation, THF, dioxane, toluene, DMF, dimethylsulfoxide, dimethyl acetamide, DCM, N-methyl pyrrolidinone, methanol, isopropanol, acetonitrile, hexanes, pyridine, benzene, a pure thiol and mixtures thereof. Preferred media include, THF, methanol, isopropanol, dioxane, toluene, acetonitrile, hexanes, pyridine, benzene and mixtures thereof. In one embodiment of the invention, the medium used in the method is an organic solvent with a boiling point below about 120°C.

Abbreviations

AMC	7-amino-4-methylcoumarin
Arg	arginine
Asp	aspartic acid
Asn	asparagine
Boc	<i>t</i> -butoxy carbonyl
Cit	citraline
Cys	cysteine
DBU	<u>1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene</u> 1,8-
diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene	
DCM	dichloromethane
DMF	dimethylformamide
EtOH	ethanol
Et ₂ O	diethyl ether
Fmoc	9-fluoromethoxy carbonyl
Gln	glycine
Glu	glutamic acid
Lys	lysine
O- <i>t</i> -BU	tert-butyl ether
Orn:	ornithine
Pbf	2,2,4,6,7-pentamethyl di-hydrobenzofuran-5-sulfonyl

Ser	serine
<i>t</i> -Bu	tert-butyl
THF	tetrahydrofuran
Thr	threonine
Trp	tryptophan
Trt	trityl
Tyr	tyrosine